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SUBJECT: BLOC PATRIARCHS SUPPORT MAKARIOS; CENTRIST PARTIES'
MERGER COLLAPSES

REF: NICOSIA 367, 425 AND 469

1. RUSSIAN PATRIARCH PIMEN EXPRESSED " COMPLETE SUPPORT"
FOR MAKARIOS AS LAWFUL HEAD OF CYPRIOT CHURCH MARCH 14.
ACCORDING LOCAL PRESS, PIMEN STATED THREE BISHOPS' DECISION
DEFROCK MAKARIOS " VOIC AND WITHOUT ANY EFFECT." FOLLOWING THIS,
LEADERS OF BULGARIAN, POLISH AND CZECHOSLOVAKIAN ORTHODOX
CHURCHES ALSO SENT MESSAGES OF SUPPORT TO MAKARIOS. THIS
VERY NEARLY COMPLETES CIRCLE OF ENDORSEMENTS OF MAKARIOS
FROM ORTHODOX CHURCH AUTHORITIES. SEVERAL GREEK BISHOPS
REMAIN UNCOMMITTED, HOWEVER, AND GREEK EMBOFF HERE EXPRESSES
CONCERN THAT CYPRUS BISHOPS' VISIT TO ATHENS IS DESIGNED
TO ELICIT SUPPORT FROM THEM. (GREEK EMBOFF CONCERN REFLECTS
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LIKELIHOOD THIS WOULD INCREASE TENSIONS WITHIN GREEK CHURCH.)

2. PRO- MAKARIOS AND LEFTISIT PRESS HAVE GIVEN PROMINENT
PLAY TO BLOC PARTIARCHS' COMMUNICATIONS, AND CALL FOR
REMOVAL OF THREE BISHOPS.

3. PARLIAMENTARY DEPUTY COSTAS HADJI- KAKOU, WHO HAS ACTED
IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR UNIFIED PARTY/ PROGRESSIVE FRONT MERGER
AS PROGRESSIVES' INTERMEDIARY WITH CLRIDES, INFORMS US
THAT EFFORTS TO UNIFY CENTRIST PARTIES HAVE COMPLETELY
COLLAPSED. DETAILS BY AIRGRAM.
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